



BRAC list announced

BY TANJA LINTON

USAIC&FH MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

The Department of Defense announced Friday the Secretary of Defense's recommendations on the Base Realignment and Closure. The recommendations retain Fort Huachuca but do include a realignment that will result in a small overall decrease (167 civilians) in the number of personnel employed at Fort Huachuca.

The recommendations, which affect installations nationwide as the military strives to align its infrastructure with the needs of a more efficient and effective force, will be reviewed by a nine-member independent BRAC Commission. The Commission, chaired by former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi, must submit its recommendations to President Bush by Sept. 8.

Commanders of installations affected by BRAC 2005 were notified of their status this morning, shortly after Members of Congress were notified. Prior to the announcement, installations were only involved in the process by providing a broad range of specified data and information for evaluation.

Installation personnel were not involved in the evaluation or selection of bases affected by BRAC, a process that was closely guarded within the Defense Department to ensure fairness and rigor in evaluating data objectively. All information used by the department to make its recommendations will be provided to the BRAC Commission as it deliberates the list through the summer.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, the commander of U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, made the following statement upon being notified this morning of the base's status:

"BRAC recommendations are always difficult but they are necessary for transforming the Army into a force America needs in a changing world with new threats." Focusing on Fort Huachuca, Fast said, "We are committed to taking care of our people and doing what's right for our Soldiers, our military and our nation."

"The BRAC Commission will make the final recommendation to the President. The decision process is ongoing and will not be finalized until November 2005 at the earliest. We will keep the community fully informed as we go through this process," Fast added.

The BRAC Commission will hold regional meetings to solicit public input prior to making its recommendations to the President in September for his review and approval. They may hold one in the Sierra Vista area, but it has not yet been scheduled. The President then forwards the recommendations to Congress, which has 45 legislative days to act on the report. Under the BRAC statute, actions to close or realign an installation must be initiated within two years after congressional approval, with completion in six years.

For current information on BRAC and how it affects installations nationwide, visit the DoD BRAC Web site at www.dod.mil/brac and the Army BRAC Web site at www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/braco.htm.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

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Good fortune leaves skid marks

BY SPC. JONATHAN M. STIFFLER
FORT LEWIS, WASH.

I had just returned from my first deployment to Kuwait, where I spent almost the entire deployment dreaming of the motorcycle I wanted.

When I got home, I quickly started shopping for a bike. I soon bought a Suzuki GSX-R 750. I also purchased a jacket, helmet and gloves — all of which were top-of-the-line.

I watched the motorcycle being uncrated and the engine started for the first time. It was like watching something being born. Unfortunately, I'd never ridden a motorcycle — let alone one that weighed more than 300 pounds. My best friend had to put the first miles on the Suzuki to get it home.

Shortly after I got the bike, I practiced riding it in a parking lot and on some local roads. I also went and got my permit and motorcycle license. I told my chain of command I'd purchased the bike and was looking forward to riding it that summer. They told me to look at the post regulations and Army policies on motorcycle riding and make sure I abided by them.

I soon found out that I lacked the required Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course. I was disappointed because it would be a month before I

could get the course and meet the requirements to ride. However, after taking the course I felt much more confident in my abilities to maneuver and control the bike. Moreover, I knew how to stop the bike quickly.

As the months went by, I really enjoyed riding my bike. On a Friday I'll never forget, my commander and first sergeant gave a safety briefing. They always included motorcycle safety in their weekly briefing, and I always laughed because I was the only motorcycle rider in the unit. I'd ridden my bike to the post that day and was getting ready to leave when my commander came up and said, "Ride safe!" I laughed, and told him I would.

It was 37 miles from the post to where I lived. The dry, hot weather was pure biker bliss. I was about 15 minutes from post riding on Interstate 5 near the Tacoma Dome area. It's an area of I-5 where you have to be really careful because there's a curve you can't see around.

I was going about 75 mph to keep up with the traffic. I started into the curve and looked as far ahead as I could, just as I'd been taught in the safety course. What I saw shocked me. The traffic ahead had gone from 75 mph to a complete stop!

I had about 300 yards between myself and a Chevy

Cavalier. My mind was racing as I searched for a way out of the mess, but the traffic didn't leave me many choices. Then I saw the outside emergency lane, which didn't look much wider than my bike. I dove into the lane, barely missing the Cavalier and passing 11 vehicles before I got the Suzuki stopped.

I'd just gotten the fastest—and most memorable—lesson of my short motorcycle riding career. I learned to always ride carefully and responsibly and be extra alert when approaching areas where my vision is blocked. I also realized I needed better braking skills, so I went out and practiced several high-speed stops.

That day I'd almost done a high side off my bike, and the feeling of the front wheel locking up is one no biker ever forgets. I also learned I always need to be planning a safe escape route should I have to avoid a problem on the highway.

That day should have been like any other—but it wasn't. Some people would say I was lucky—but that's not the case. It wasn't so much that I was lucky as I was fortunate. I was fortunate I'd received the MSF training I needed to help me in an emergency.

Editor's note: Spc. Jonathan Stiffler serves with the 551st Medical Logistics Company at Fort Lewis, Wash. He first submitted this story to the Army Combat Readiness Center as a Skid Marx article.

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It is an honor to conduct the ceremonies and see the reactions from the families.

It is the best job a Soldier can have in the Army.

It is a privilege and anyone that has the opportunity to be a part of it should take advantage of it.

It is a great change of pace from my line unit and gives respect back to people who have served their time.

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Army officer paves way for fellow Pacific Islanders

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

As people rise through the ranks, they are faced with more responsibility and added pressure to perform. While most leaders feel the heat only from their employees, Lt. Col. Evelyn Langford has more eyes upon her — 70,000 sets, in fact.

As the first American Samoan woman to reach the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army, Langford has the high expectations, and support, of an entire island.

"It's a great accomplishment, but I definitely feel the pressure," Langford said.

Langford always has been a "fast burner." Born at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Langford and her five brothers and sisters traveled throughout the world during her father's Air Force career. When she turned 14, her father retired and moved the family to American Samoa to be near family and friends.

Situated in the South Pacific Ocean, about halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, the island was, at first, a culture shock for the modern family.

"It was an adjustment at first," she said. "It's not like the mainland, not as modern. But my family built a nice home, and I really appreciated learning about my culture." Langford breezed through school, skipping a grade and graduating at 16. Unlike most teens, Langford knew exactly what she wanted to do.

"I always wanted to be in the military," she said. "I grew up seeing how the military took care of my family; we never lacked for anything.

My mother was always happy and content. I wanted to have something to do with it."

She took the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery — the military entrance exam — her senior year and aced it with the highest score on the island. An Army recruiter, the only military representative on the island, came knocking almost immediately.

"He suggested I join the Reserves and ROTC at college," Langford said. "I jumped at the opportunity." After two years at the local community college, she graduated with honors from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1986 with a biology degree and an Army commission in the Army Medical Service Corps.

She became a platoon leader, then a company commander, but was most proud of her stint as an Army instructor for the basic ROTC course — the first of its kind offered in American Samoa.

"There were a lot of opportunities to reach out to youth," she said. "Many of them were intimidated by the exams or finances and felt they couldn't achieve because of those reasons. I encouraged them to try, and let them know what the military could offer. I had to fight against a difficult mind-set."

Her quest proved successful. Four of her students earned basic ROTC scholarships and went on to the University of Hawaii and Army careers.

Langford went on to serve in staff positions, including her present job as the assistant chief of staff for reserve affairs, where she ensures dental support for mobilizing reservists and helps to keep dental readiness a command priority.

A major career highlight, she said, was when she pinned on lieutenant colonel oak leaves in 2003 at a ceremony attended by the governor of American Samoa.

"It was an honor to have him come here," she said. "But with the visibility comes the expectations: Will she make the next rank?"

Langford said she is just grateful to have made it this far. "I have a lot of gratitude for the people who encouraged me along the way," she said. "I made mistakes and learned from them. If I'd let those things hinder me, I wouldn't be here. Great mentors were put in my path."

In turn, Langford also has assumed the role of mentor, particularly for American Samoans. She hopes her example will bring encouragement to others.

"I've seen very few American Samoan officers in the Army," she said. "There are so many more that could do very well in the military but don't even know the opportunities exist." She tries to share those opportunities through speaking engagements back home.

"Things have changed," Langford said. "There are other military service recruiters on the island now. And I'm seeing more American Samoans at military academies. Those advances wouldn't be possible without education."

She hopes her ongoing membership in Asian Pacific American Heritage committees will bring education to the community, as well.

"I enjoy bringing awareness of other cultures to the community," she said. "Most people have a limited knowledge



Photo by Elaine Wilson

Army Lt. Col. Evelyn Langford, assistant chief of staff for reserve affairs, visits Budge Dental Clinic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Langford ensures dental support for mobilizing reservists and helps keep dental readiness a command priority.

of the many cultures under the Asian Pacific American umbrella. There are Koreans, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Chinese and Japanese and about 30 more nationalities. It's not just hula dancers."

Although Langford has come a long way from American Samoa, the expectations and pressure of its people hit a lot closer to home.

"I'm going to go as far as I can," she said. "I always try my best for my family, but also for the island of American Samoa."

General Myer Elementary groundbreaking

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB

SCOUT STAFF

Six students led the groundbreaking for the new General Myer Elementary Monday afternoon.

"Get busy and finish my school," Col. Jonathan Hunter, garrison commander, instructed the children attending the groundbreaking ceremony to tell any construction worker not busy working on the new elementary.

The current school is "getting close to the 50-year mark," Dr. Guillermo V. Zamudio, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools superintendent, said.

"We decided to build Myer first because it's the oldest," Zamudio said. "The next plan is to start working on Johnston Elementary. Smith (Middle School) is the one in the best shape."

The new school is figured to house 450 students versus the current school's 420 students. Even with the extra space, the school has been engineered for expansion, Zamudio said.

"We're trying to utilize the same footprint,"

Zamudio said, comparing the new and the current General Myer Elementary schools.

The "master plan," as Zamudio calls it, is to build a new General Myer Elementary, tear down the current school, then to do the same process with the other two schools. The money for the work comes from three areas: impact aid, state aid and grants, accord-

ing to the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools business office.

Impact aid is money from the federal government in lieu of property and sales taxes. The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools get impact aid because the district can not access property or sales taxes on the post.



Courtesy of Durrant Architects

A rendering of the future General Myer Elementary School. The school's groundbreaking was Monday.

Volunteers of the Year for 2004

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A pair of civilians was given the civilian volunteer of the year award in the Fort Huachuca Volunteer of the Year ceremony May 10 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Carol Baxter, 11th Signal Brigade Family Readiness Group, and Jo Ellen Richter, Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club, were given the awards by Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast at the ceremony after Baxter hugged Richter in an emotional congratulation. Capt. Indira Donegan, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Network Enterprise Command/9th Army Signal Command, won the military volunteer of the year award while Caitlin Henry won the youth volunteer of the year award.

Henry volunteered six months making birthday cakes for Soldiers in the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 86th Signal Battalion with two

members of her 4-H Club. They made more than nine cakes per month, and in some cases their cake was the first time a Soldier received a birthday cake.

She also invested her time with the Protestant Women of the Chapel school age room to allow the adults to participate in their weekly Bible studies. Additionally, she helped with a week-long vacation Bible school, giving more than 40 hours that week.

Baxter used her position in the 11th Signal Brigade Family Readiness Group steering committee to help battalion-level family readiness group leaders formulate Soldier and family oriented programs. She stuffed and delivered Christmas stockings to all Soldiers in the unit, and assisted with a Halloween costume party for the unit's children while the unit was deployed on a field training exercise.

Richter, the other civilian volunteer of the year, oversaw the merging of the Noncommissioned

Spouses Club and Officers Spouses Club and led the group to joining the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce.

She has volunteered with American Red Cross blood drives and has been the president of the Community Spouses Club since May 2004. She revived bingo fundraisers for her club and has chaired the hospitality committee for the Armed Services Blood Drive for the past three years.

Donegan has coordinated kindergarteners with backpacks and school supplies in Mexico, and set up and manned a booth at the 2004 Spring Fun Festival. She devoted some of her volunteer time editing the monthly unit newsletter and mentoring in support of the St. Andrew's Church teen life dinner.

She also volunteered her support in the 2004 general election and helped support the Sierra Vista Boys and Girls Club's Texas hold'em tournament.

Audie Murphy club lures best NCOs

BY SGT. SUSAN REDWINE

SCOUT STAFF

The most decorated combat Soldier of World War II, Audie Murphy, is the inspiration and namesake for an Army-wide organization that will only accept the most qualified, squared-away and knowledgeable noncommissioned officers.

The Fort Huachuca chapter of the Audie Murphy Club has 26 members and about 15 to 20 members who actively attend meetings and functions due to deployments, 1st Sgt. Eric Schmitz, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, said.

"The Audie Murphy Club fulfills a role on post to give superb NCOs a voice," Schmitz said.

Potential members are often recruited

by sergeants major and other senior ranking noncommissioned officers who may already be club members and who recognize excellence and good NCOs.

"They push them to go to the board," Schmitz said. "That's how they get started."

The procedure to get into the club essentially has three steps, Schmitz said. The first is to be recommended for the club by the chain of command. The second is to pass a brigade-level board, that is held quarterly on post, he said. The last step is to pass the Audie Murphy Club board, a post-level board that is presided over by the post command sergeant major and the club president, as well as other sergeants major.

After passing all that, there is an induction ceremony about a month

later, Schmitz said.

There are no study guides specific to the board, Schmitz said. To study, candidates should read the regulations.

Sgt. 1st Class Chantell Smith, senior instructor for the imagery analyst course was "recruited" to try for the club by a long-time friend who is already a member. She was told she would make outstanding member material.

Smith has experience with boards and said she doesn't get frazzled by them. She's already won the CENTCOM Soldier of the year board. However, her studying for the Audie Murphy board will include tag-team studying with another Soldier going to the board, as well as going over material from previous boards, NCO manuals, field

manuals and Army regulations in addition to the life history of Audie Murphy himself.

But probably the most important thing that distinguishes the Audie Murphy board from others is the situational slant to the questions.

"They are things an NCO should know because they are things they do everyday," Smith said. "It's not so much trivia as knowing your job."

Schmitz said it's more of a subjective board because it is so situationally-based.

"If you're a good NCO, you'll use common sense," he said. "It's how you portray yourself and how you come up with the answer. We want to see if you can lead."

"It will be a difficult board," Smith said. "But it is really an honor to be inducted into something like that and you really have to put forth your best effort."

Don't put college off any longer, visit the post ed center

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Between the Army offering 100 percent tuition assistance and the myriad of majors available to pursue on post, there's no reason Soldiers shouldn't be visiting the post education center.

Cochise College, Wayland Baptist University, University of Phoenix and Western International University are all Servicemembers Opportunity College Associates Degree program institutions that offer classes on Fort Huachuca. The University of Arizona also has a local satellite school that caters to Soldiers.

Cochise College offers associate's degrees in general education courses, administration of justice, business administration, electronics technology, general studies and middle management.

A management degree can open doors to you in areas such as general and operations management,

management analysis and management consulting.

Wayland Baptist University offers bachelor of science degrees in criminal justice, occupational education, health administration and religion.

With a degree in religion, you can become a chaplain, Christian educator, counselor, journalist or professor.

University of Phoenix offers bachelor of science degrees in management and business administration.

Western International University offers bachelor of arts degrees in behavioral science and general studies and bachelor of science in accounting, information technology and international business. This university also offers master of business administration in health care management, international business and information technology and master of science in information technology and information systems engineering.

People with a degree in accounting can find jobs

in the fields of certified public accountant, financial analyst, tax accountant or revenue agent.

The University of Arizona – South campus offers bachelor's degrees in English, history, anthropology, Latin American studies, interdisciplinary studies, political science, psychology, Spanish, elementary education, secondary education, commerce, computer science and mathematics. They also offer master's degrees in English, educational psychology with an emphasis in education technology or learning, and development and teaching.

Degrees in English can get you into the fields of editor, journalist, advertising copywriter, teacher of English as a Second Language or public relations.

Soldiers interested in attending one of these schools should visit the education center to talk to a career counselor. The education center is located on Hungerford Road, near the Thunder Mountain Village barracks.

AAFES dividends benefit Soldiers' morale, welfare and recreation

BY JUDD ANSTEY
AAFES PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has announced that it is returning \$242.3 million to the services' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For 2004, this dividend represents an average per capita dividend of \$277 for every Soldier and Airman, a 5 percent increase over last year.

In 2003, AAFES paid a per capita dividend of \$264. "AAFES' mission is to provide goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support MWR programs," said AAFES Commander Brig.Gen. Toreaser Steel. "These contributions to the U.S. Armed Forces and their families make AAFES a major non-pay benefit to customers."

The value AAFES offers the military community extends far beyond its ability to provide quality merchandise and consumer services. With the help of AAFES dividends, MWR, CFSC and Air Force Services have completed hundreds of community enhancement projects at Army and Air Force installations around the world. AAFES sup-

ports the mission of the services' MWR to improve the troops' quality of life and the well being of the overall military community. AAFES will continue to focus its efforts on providing value by offering low-cost shopping options and delivering an annual dividend.

"Every time troops shop at the exchange, they provide support to MWR programs, facilities and non-appropriated fund construction projects such as bowling and youth centers, golf courses and outdoor recreation," said Steele.

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Historically, roughly 67 percent of AAFES earnings are paid to MWR programs. In the past 10 years, more than \$2 billion has been contributed by

AAFES to the Army and Air Force to spend on quality of life improvements for Soldiers, Airmen and their families, including libraries, sports programs, swimming pools, youth activities, tickets and tour services, hobby shops, music programs, outdoor facilities and unit functions. AAFES support to the military is not limited to Soldiers and Airmen.

Because AAFES operates at Marine and Navy locations, AAFES is also able to return funds to Marines and Sailors. The FY 2004 dividend of \$242.3 million will be distributed as follows:

Army: \$147.5M
Air Force: \$82.3M
Marines: \$11.9M
Navy: \$.6M
TOTAL: \$242.3M

"We are proud of our partnership with NEXCOM and MCX," said Steele. "I know I speak for all Exchange associates when I say that the end of year dividend is extremely important. It makes the day-to-day sacrifices much more gratifying when

you see the financial benefit Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors and their families will reap from all the hard work."

Troops are not the only ones who can enhance the annual dividend AAFES provides MWR services. Civilians (aka non-authorized exchange customers) can also contribute by purchasing "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates or "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards. Both programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution to the morale of troops by sending a gift certificate or phone card that can be used in any AAFES retail or phonecenter operation in the world including those in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

While initial purchases made through these programs offer an immediate benefit to troops, the long-term advantage is that a portion of the funds used to purchase the phone card or gift certificate this year will go back to the military community next year. "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates and "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards are both available online at www.aafes.com.

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Program change makes re-up work

BY MASTER SGT. CHARLES BRANDON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Learning a new skill can be a real BEAR these days. That's BEAR as in the "Bonus Extension and Retraining program."

This is a program the Army's offering, and this is how it works.

First, you choose a military occupational specialty that you want to train for. Then you extend your existing contract for enough time to graduate from the training plus 24 months. Once you complete training, you have two options: Have the additional 24 months canceled and reenlist for a bonus, or simply serve the 24 months and ETS with the new training on your resume. The BEAR program is the only program the Army offers that a Soldier can get both a new MOS and a bonus.

Extending through the BEAR program met all the Army needs of Staff Sgt. Rebecca Labanca of Company A, 304th Military Intelligence

Battalion. Labanca was stuck in an MOS that didn't meet her long-range plans but, she was reluctant to leave the Army during a time of war.

"Both my father and my grandfather served in the armed forces, and my fiancé is in Afghanistan," she said. "My grandfather was a Marine officer in the Korean war and my father, an Italian immigrant, served in Vietnam with the Army.

"No one has a greater sense of national pride than my father, so I grew up wanting to serve."

Desire to serve is what led Labanca to enlist in the Army in February 2000. She was well on her way to a successful civilian career, having graduated from the University of Central Florida with a master's degree in criminal justice. After graduation she worked as a police officer in Florida. "I make more money now than I did as a police officer," explained Labanca.

About a year from her ETS date, Labanca decided that she wanted to retrain for MOS 97E Interrogator and

took steps to qualify for that job. "I wanted a new MOS and I wanted a bonus, but reenlisting for a new MOS required a four-year commitment without a bonus. That wasn't what I was looking for. The 97E MOS fits my long-range plan to work for the FBI, and it was listed on the BEAR program so, it was perfect for me," the first term staff sergeant said, "If my BEAR application wouldn't have been approved, I would have just reenlisted for two years with no option."

No one has a greater sense of national pride than my father, so I grew up wanting to serve.

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Labanca

Labanca credits her battalion reenlistment NCO, Staff Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, with helping her with her BEAR application. Her

supervisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Brett A. Rankert, also pushed hard to get Labanca the school she wanted. "Staff Sgt. Labanca is a tough Soldier, I was willing to do whatever it took to keep her in the Army," explained Rankert.

After having four different duty stations in the last five years, Labanca says that what she likes least about the Army is the constant moving. What she likes best is meeting people from different backgrounds.

"We are all different, but we have commonality...the uniform, I've never been prouder to be an American," said the staff sergeant.

A desire to serve, a family tradition of service to country, and a long range plan for her life led Labanca to the Army. The needs of a shorter enlistment period, new training, and some bonus money led her to the BEAR program. It all worked out for the country, the Army, and Labanca. The most current information on the BEAR program is available on Milper Message 05-065, or from your servicing career counselor.

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BRAC to revamp medical system

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Defense officials have used the base realignment and closure process to transform the way military medicine operates.

Medical facilities will become more joint, they will consolidate where patients reside and they will become state-of-the-art. "We want to rival Johns Hopkins or the Mayo Clinics," Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant defense secretary for health affairs, said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld delivered his recommendations for base realignment and closure to the BRAC Commission Friday. The medical recommendations are part of this process.

The recommendations mean changes

to military medicine in the nation's capital and San Antonio, as well as changes in many other military health facilities in the United States.

The major recommendation would establish the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on the grounds of the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. It also will create a brand-new 165-bed community hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va. If approved, this will cost around \$1 billion, Lt. Gen. George P. Taylor, Air Force surgeon general, who headed the joint cross-service group that worked on medical BRAC recommendations, said.

Army, Navy and Air Force medical personnel will staff both facilities. The current hospitals - Walter Reed Army

Medical Center and Bethesda - are separated by just seven miles. They are the primary receiving hospitals for casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan. "We believe the best way to do this is to place the facility on the Bethesda campus," Taylor said.

In addition to housing the Walter Reed National Medical Center, the Bethesda campus will keep the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The National Institutes of Health is also right across the street from the Bethesda facility. "The facility is able to accommodate the in-patient activities at this location," Taylor said.

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Lost and Found

The Fort Huachuca Military Police lost and found currently has two adult bicycles and one children's bicycle available for return to their owners. The lost and found also has several wallets and ID cards. If you are missing any of the above, please call Amber M. Gonzalez and Military Police Investigations at 533-8825. The lost and found office is located in Building 31122, Rm. 179.

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10th Mountain fields first TUAV platoon



Members of the newly-formed TUAV platoon of the 10th Mountain Division set up a tension line for a Shadow TUAV landing May 11 on the east range.

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Early on a crisp Arizona morning, long before most of the world is awake, the platoon prepares to launch its first air vehicle of the day. The Soldiers have been prepping for this moment since 3 a.m. The engine roars alive and the launch count is given. Moments later, another successful UAV is launched to conduct operations as the Army's "eye in the sky".

As part of the Army's transformation into units of action each brigade will receive a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or TUAV. The 10th Mountain Division is no different. The 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., is currently fielding its first TUAV platoon in the deserts of Arizona.

"It's cutting edge technology," said 1st Lt. John Lord, platoon leader for the Shadow TUAV. Lord said he has been involved in setting up this platoon from the beginning, after specifically asking for the assignment.

"It was an experience I will never have again," he said.

The platoon was organized in Fort Drum out of Soldiers who recently graduated from advanced individual training. Most of the Soldiers who make up this platoon are experiencing their first taste of the Army.

Pfc. Nathan Feinstein, crew chief, has been working with the Shadow since January. Fresh out of AIT, he said he went to Fort Drum because he heard about the opening in the deploying unit from a friend who also works with UAVs.

Feinstein said he is looking forward to going back to Fort Drum because he will be stationed closer to his family and he will be able to use his skills in real-life scenarios, when the unit deploys to Iraq.

"You can look forward to going and doing the best job you can, or dread going and letting it affect your life," he said.

Ready for the challenge, he said, "I didn't enlist in a time of war and not expect to go to a war zone."

The Soldiers of the platoon move like clockwork around the complicated military equipment, Lord said. The Shadow is the centerpiece of multi-million dol-



Photos by Sgt. Susan Redwine

Spc. Danny Fueston reads off a pre-flight checklist before launching the Shadow TUAV May 11 on the east range as part of a training exercise for the 10th Mountain Division's new TUAV platoon.

lar setup, and the platoon has trained hard to understand and use this technology efficiently, he said.

The Shadow is currently used in Iraq to conduct specific and important missions to keep troops safe, Lord said. The air vehicle is used in conducting counter-mortar missions and improvised explosive device interdiction. These two weapons are the most casualty-producing of the insurgency. As the main asset to counter these damaging weapons, the Shadow has a lead role in the war on terror.

Pfc. Leland Runge, TUAV operator, is taking his first assignment. He said he left Fort Huachuca in January and now he's back training with the platoon. He said he was looking

forward to using the equipment in a deployed setting and finally being able to do what he's been trained to do.

"It's going to be a learning experience," he said.

There will be a lot of time for reflection on that statement as the platoon is deploying into theater as soon as it returns to Fort Drum, Lord said. The 10th Mountain Division is one of the Army's most-deployed units and this will be the first time the division will take an asset like the Shadow into battle, he said.

It will take some time getting used to the new capabilities but, "the TUAVs are a perfect fit for the 10th Mountain," Lord said. Now that the first platoon has been set up, the remaining three platoons the division will field

can use the lessons learned to build upon and make themselves better, he said.

"I think it's [the TUAVs] significantly important," said Sgt. William Coleman. He is the only Soldier with previous Shadow experience in the platoon. He deployed with Fort Hood, Texas, as a pilot during the beginning of the war. When he returned from Iraq he specifically requested to be assigned to Fort Drum.

"I'm pretty happy being in the position I'm in," Coleman said with a grin. "I think it's the greatest job in the world."

The Shadow TUAV is one of the greatest assets the Army has in fighting the war on terrorism, Lord said. It's the commander's, "eye in the sky".



A Shadow TUAV takes a bounce during a clean landing as part of a training exercise on the east range May 11.

Video game makes 'every Soldier a sensor'

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Keeping up with trends on the ever-changing battlefield, the Army is looking to improve training for its newest Soldiers.

The ES3 videogame software, sponsored by the Department of the Army intelligence office, called G-2, is being tested by Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Jackson to determine if the software enhances the training of new Soldiers. The Fort Jackson pilot is being run by 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Basic Combat Training Brigade.

ES3, also called Every Soldier a Sensor, is a computer-generated simulation that is designed to increase a Soldier's situational awareness on the battlefield. Using a patrol scenario in an urban environment, styled after cities in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, ES3 trains Soldiers to actively scan and observe their environment for details related to commanders' critical information require-

ments indicators and report or act in a concise and accurate manner.

"We've been wrestling for awhile with how to get at training Soldiers as sensors for the asymmetrical battlefield – how to increase their awareness," said Col. Jay W. Chambers Jr., commander of 1st BCT Bde. "Over the last six to eight months, we have been trying new hands-on type training to get at this. However, when we went to the initial entry training commanders' conference in January, there was a demonstration of gaming technology that included the software program ES3. It got my attention because I thought it might be a digital capability that connects with our new Soldiers and enhances our hands-on field training."

Translating digital information, Chambers said, is a skill today's young people are familiar with because of the multimedia, digitally integrated environment they've grown up with and encountered every day. He used his own son as an example.

"My 17-year-old son can be doing his physics homework, writing instant messages to his friends on the computer, watching a football game on TV and listening to loud music at the same time," Chambers said. "When I come into the room, I see chaos, but to him it's normal; he's keeping up with it all – he can tell me what the football score is, who and what he's talking about to his friends, mouth the words of the song playing, and is doing his physics – and he knows what song is on – all at once. A lot of young people are like that. They're multi-taskers without even knowing it. That's what we want to tap into."

The program – used to enhance the hands-on, "Every Soldier as a Sensor field training" – has potential for use as a BCT training aid, Chambers thinks, and may be a new trend of training IET Soldiers Army-wide.

"We'll never be able to replace live training, and we wouldn't want to," he said. "But with this method, we'll be able

to create within our Soldiers an unconscious competence – the ability to be trained to a level where they act and react without thinking about things; they're always scanning, looking for changes, always alert and ready, doing the right things. They have been trained that they are a sensor and an intelligence collector trained to see things out there that will help protect the force. Basic combat training is the best environment for this kind of training because we can control and adjust the variables for the Soldiers to have to detect and act and react upon."

Though use of ES3 is in its infancy as a training aid, Chambers said he has "a good feeling" about its use and potential.

"My gut tells me we're onto something – a new approach to training Soldiers in BCT in skill sets we know are needed on the battlefield," he said. "I'm pretty optimistic the results will come back in a positive manner – situational acuity we sometimes learn from experience can be painful."

DoD recommendations to consolidate 7 TRADOC schools

TRADOC NEWS SERVICE

Seven TRADOC branch schools would consolidate into centers patterned after the Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., which combines the military police, engineer and chemical centers and schools. The recommended actions include:

The Air Defense Artillery Center and School, Fort Bliss, Texas, would combine

with the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., to establish a Net Fires Center at Fort Sill, which would consolidate net fires training and doctrine development at one location.

"This recommendation improves the MANSCEN concept by consolidating functionally related branch centers and schools, which fosters consistency, standardization and training proficiency," according to the

BRAC report. "It also facilitates task force stabilization by combining operational forces with institutional training. In addition, it consolidates both ADA and field artillery Skill Level I courses at one location, which allows the Army to reduce the total number of military-occupation skills training locations (reducing the TRADOC footprint). ... It improves training capabilities while eliminating excess capacity at insti-

tutional training installations."

The Armor Center and School, Fort Knox, Ky., would move to Fort Benning, Ga., to consolidate with the Infantry Center and School into a Maneuver Center of Excellence for ground-forces training and doctrine development. Consolidation joins both infantry and armor one-station unit training,

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Range Closures

Today – AC, AD, AG, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Friday – AC, AD, AG, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday – AC, AD, AL, AM, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday – T1, T1A, T2
Monday – T12, T1A, T2
Tuesday – AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday – AM, AU, T1, T1A, T2
For more information on Range Closures contact Range Control 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

NCO induction ceremony

All noncommissioned officers on post are invited to an NCO induction ceremony beginning at 3 p.m., today at Murr Community Center. All others wanting to participate in the events are welcomed to attend the social hour from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Scholarship recipients

The Coronado chapter of the Military Officer’s Association will recognize six Buena High School JROTC cadets for academic and leadership achievement during their regular meeting on today during a luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. You need not be a MOAA member to attend this event. MOAA welcomes

all active or retired commissioned and warrant officers of all United States Military Services as well as the Coast Guard and Public Health Service. For more information about the luncheon or MOAA, call Joe Gill at 458-4099 or e-mail JoeGill11@cox.net.

Closures

Starting at 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Saturday the Main Gate’s right hand lane will be closed to traffic due to the installation of bollards. For more information, call Rea Myers at 533-1442.

Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The 11th Signal Brigade Military Equal Opportunity office is sponsoring the Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Festival 2005. The observance takes place at 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday at Murr Community Center. This free event will include entertainment, food and cultural displays.

The 11th Signal Brigade Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to assist with the observance or display Asian/Pacific artifacts or items. For more information, call 533-5502 or 266-3218.

Commanders/First Sergeants

The next Installation Company Com-

manders/First Sergeants Course is scheduled for June 7 – 9. All incoming company commanders must attend this course which is open to all military units on the installation.

First sergeants are highly encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending this course, contact your S3 for a registration form.

The deadline for enrolling is May 26. For more information, call Suzette Krusemark at 533-3185 or suzette.krusemark@us.army.mil.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Fort Huachuca will conduct a Memorial Day observance at 11:30 a.m., on May 30 at the installation cemetery, .

The event is open to the public. This year’s theme is “A Tribute to Our Fallen Comrades.”

Cemetery parking will be limited, but buses will be available to transport guests to and from the cemetery at two designated parking lots: Shuttle number one will be at Christy Avenue/Butler Road. Shuttle number two will be located at Andrews Road/Christy Avenue.

These parking lots will have buses available for transport, free of charge. Golf carts will also be available for handicap assistance. For reserved seating, call the USAIC&FH Protocol Office at 533-1232. For more in-

formation, call Suzette Krusemark at 533-3185 or suzette.krusemark@us.army.mil.

AAFES program

A corporate decision has been made that AAFES will use the national program “Code Adam” in all Main Stores.

The program is to help protect children in our stores. During the next few weeks training facilitators will be training all managers, supervisors and associates in the main stores only.

Training facilitators can obtain the video about “Code Adam” from your Area Loss Prevention Manager.

They can also help with the training if they are available. For more information, call Stan Young at 458-7211 ext. 14.

Road paving

The Directorate of Public Works will be repaving Butler Road between Christy Avenue and the Canelo Road and the Gatewood Road intersection. The repaving will begin on Monday and is expected to be completed by July 1.

The road will remain open while the repairs are underway. For more information, call 533-1443.

Chaplain’s Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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Catholic

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
CCD	10:45 a.m.	Sunday

Adult Apologetics	10:45 a.m.	Sunday	& Parents Meeting		
Adoration of the			Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Sacrament Blessed	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.	Rehearsal		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7p.m.	<u>Murr Community Center</u>		
MCCW	1st Friday	7 p.m.	Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
			Pre-teens Study		
			Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	

Protestant

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.

<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women’s Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth Sunday	Sunday	8 a.m.
School		
Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	
Men’s Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Women’s Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	today	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	today	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	today	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.

<u>Murr Community Center</u>		
Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Women’s Ministry	2nd Sunday	
Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Suday	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Men’s Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women’s Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	10 a.m.	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Part of this recommendation would close the Army’s Walter Reed campus in Washington, D.C., and Malcolm Grow Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., would close its in-patient facilities and become a large same-day surgery center.

“We know these types of joint medical facilities work,” Taylor said. “We have two of them today: Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany has been staffed by Army and Air Force for more than 10 years. If you go to Balad Hospital in Balad (Iraq), it is Army and Air Force run.”

Changes would take place in San Antonio also. The two big medical platforms there are Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston and the 59th Medical Wing’s Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base. Plans call for medical care to center at Brooke. It will become the San Antonio Regional Medical Center, and will be a jointly staffed, 425-bed center. At Lackland, BRAC recommends building a world-class outpatient and ambulatory surgery center. The trauma center at Lackland will close, and Brooke will expand to handle the need.

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allowing the Army to reduce the number of basic combat training locations from five to four (Forts Jackson, Sill and Leonard Wood would be the other three besides Fort Benning).

The Armor Center would be replaced at Knox by the 84th Army Reserve Regional Training Center, moving from Fort McCoy, Wis., and by engineer, military police and com-

bat-service-support units relocating from Europe and Korea under the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy realignments.

The Defense Department’s plans to create a Combat Service Support Center at Fort Lee, Va., by moving the Ordnance Center and School from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Transportation Center and School at Fort Eustis,

San Antonio also will become the hub for training enlisted medical technicians of all services. Currently, the Army trains at Sam Houston, but the Air Force trains medics at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and sailors train at Great Lakes, Ill., San Diego, and Portsmouth, Va. “All enlisted specialty training would be done at Fort Sam Houston,” Taylor said. The approximate student load would be about 4,500.

Aerospace medicine research will move from Brooks City Base (the one-time Brooks Air Force Base) to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The Navy’s Aeromedical Research Lab will move from Pensacola, Fla., to Wright-Patterson also.

The recommendations create six new centers of excellence for biomedical research, and all are joint. Assets will come from Navy, Air Force and Army locations to these new centers. They are the Joint Center of Excellence in Battlefield Health and Trauma at the Brooke Regional Medical Center, the Joint Center of Excellence in Infectious Disease Research at the Forest Glen Complex in Maryland, the Joint Center of Excellence for Aerospace Medicine Research

at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the Joint Center of Excellence in Regulated Medical Product Development and Acquisition at Fort Detrick, Md., the Joint Center of Excellence in Biomedical Defense Research at Fort Detrick, and the Joint Center of Excellence in Chemical, Biological Defense Research, Development and Acquisition at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Overall, the recommendations will cost \$2.4 billion to build new facilities and capabilities. Once in place, the services will save \$400 million per year, officials said.

The joint cross-service group, new in this round of BRAC, was able to make recommendations to the secretary. In past BRAC rounds, joint groups merely advised service leaders.

“It is my view that the group put together a very thoughtful, very comprehensive plan for improving military health care,” said Winkenwerder. “It is a plan that allows us to invest in, and modernize key flagship facilities and at the same time, it will allow the military health system to be more efficient.”

and merging them with the Combined Arms Support Command, the Quartermaster Center and School and the Army Logistic Management College at Fort Lee. The Missile and Munitions Center would also move from Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to Fort Lee to be part of the new CSS Center. This would consolidate CSS training and doctrine development at one installation.

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Clean up when clearing out of housing

BY SGT. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Typically most permanent change of station moves are made in the summer. For people leaving Fort Huachuca's post housing, the Housing Office has devised a program to make the move as easy and stress free as possible. The Housing Office requests that Soldiers who know they're leaving begin clearing quarters 30-45 days in advance of their scheduled departure date. However, Soldiers do not need a copy of their orders to begin this process, Grace White, chief, Family Housing, said.

When a Soldier goes down to the Housing Office to begin clearing, they will be given a pre-termination brief to cover any questions they might have on how their quarters have to be cleaned, what they need to repair themselves and what can be done about other damages, White said. The briefing is given by their housing area's housing agent. "There is one point of contact that covers neighborhood issues from cradle

to grave," White said. Over time, residents become familiar with their particular housing agent and that agent will be the one to do their final inspection as well as any spot inspections that residents request to address specific concerns, White explained.

The required cleanliness of post quarters upon exit is addressed in Army Regulation 210-50. It defines the term clean as "free of dirt, dust, lint, stains, streaks, film, grease, mildew, food, finger prints, cleaning material, mineral deposits and all foreign matter." Occupants have the option of cleaning their house themselves or hiring a cleaning team to beautify the house. For those choosing to clean themselves, the Housing Office offers a training session with a cleaning team, White said. The training session includes self cleaning procedures for all the things you need to clean and repair yourself, whether you're hiring a cleaning team or not. Self cleaning areas include door repairs, window screens, screen doors, shades, towel rods, door stops, wall repairs, light bulb replacement, appliance maintenance, and other interior and exterior ele-

ments. They also go over cleaning standards, techniques and products, yard maintenance and damage repairs, White said.

If a cleaning team is hired, all the occupants have to worry about is their self cleaning items and moving their possessions out of the house, White said. Housing has a list of cleaning teams that have been trained to Army standards of cleanliness. A contract is negotiated between the team and the Soldier with no involvement from Housing, White added.

After receiving orders, Soldiers should go to transportation to arrange for movement of their household goods, White said. The final housing inspection can not be completed until the house is completely empty. If a cleaning team has been hired, the family can leave post before their final inspection. If the family is cleaning the home themselves, they must wait for their quarters to be deemed satisfactory before they are cleared from post.

For more information about clearing housing or if you're ready to start clearing, visit the Housing Office, Building 41415 or call 533-3611.

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69th Signal Company departs



A Soldier bids a tearful farewell to his family.

Photo by Sgt. Robert Strain/11th Sig. Bde.



Pfc. Radames Paulino, gives his friend, Nelson Aponte Jr., a lift while waiting for buses to carry troops to Libby Army Airfield.

Photo by Eric Hortin/NETCOM

BY STAFF SGT. LISA JENDRY
11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Families, friends and fellow Soldiers bid farewell to the 69th Signal Company, 11th Signal Brigade during an emotional planeside departure ceremony, May 16 at Libby Army Airfield.

The ceremony included remarks by Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commander, Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command and music by the 36th Army Band.

The company's mission will be tactical and commercial cable and wire installation as part of the commercialization of Iraq's telecommunications infrastructure. It is the only active component cable and wire company in the Army.

Spc. Diane Mosley, cable installer/maintainer with 2nd Platoon, said she gets a great sense of pride out of being a part of such an important mission and is looking forward to being in a new and different environment.

"I've always heard stuff about it, but I want to have the feeling of actually being there instead of just hearing about it," said Mosley.

But being in a new place also comes with a downside for Mosley, who leaves behind a husband and 5-year-old son.

"The worst part is leaving home," she said. "But, once I'm

over there, my mind will be in a different place and I'll be very focused."

Many of the Soldiers were not new to deployments and having to say goodbye to loved ones.

"I feel better about this (deployment)," said Sgt. Victor Camacho, cable systems installer. "The first one, I was here only three weeks and I didn't know anybody."

Camacho leaves a wife and 7-year-old daughter, who did not attend the ceremony.

"They wanted to be here; but at the same time, they knew it would be too hard on them."

Despite the heartache of having to leave his family, Camacho said he feels the deployment will be a good experience.

"It's like before - we're doing something to provide services to others, doing something so families stay in touch."

Spc. LaToya Whidbee, cable system installer/maintainer, also feels it will be a good experience, overall.

"I think it will be a great opportunity to learn about the country and the situation as a whole," said Whidbee. "We have a great group of Soldiers and I'm excited to work with them."

Whidbee, who has a 1 1/2-year-old daughter, said being separated from family, is the hardest part of



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lisa Jendry/11th Sig. Bde.

Soldiers from the 69th Signal Company climb the ramp to the plane that will take the company to Southwest Asia.

s for year-long tour of duty

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2nd Platoon,
69th Signal Company,
11th Signal Brigade

deployment for most of the Soldiers.

"In the back of your mind, you're always thinking, 'it could be me that's next on the casualty list' but I try to keep that in the back so that I can be strong for my daughter and my fiancé and move forward. I'll have my fiancé supporting me, and my daughter, although I can see in her face that she's going to miss me, I know it's for her and it's for the best."

The 69th Signal Company's mission is expected to last approximately 13 months.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lisa Jendry/11th Sig. Bde.

Above: Soldiers of the 69th Signal Company stand in formation during the farewell ceremony held at Libby Army Airfield. Below: KOLD news reporter J.D. Wallace conducts a television interview with Soldier and daughter.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lisa Jendry/11th Sig. Bde.



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Sgt. Efrain Diaz gives his daughter and son, Hayley and Christian, a hug before departing for Southwest Asia.

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Service News



Elementary school sends goodies to Marines

Fegley Elementary School in Portage, Ind., came together to show its support for the Marines and Sailors deployed with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The servicemembers with Weapons Company received letters and care packages from the faculty and students of Fegley Elementary who wanted to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the troops are making.

"The support we get from the children from the school is great," said Sgt. Daniel Blackwell, a Bolingbrook, Ill., native and infantryman with 1st Platoon, Weapons Company.

The idea began with Brandi Amones, a teacher at Fegley Elementary and Capt. Ed Nevgloski, Weapons Company commander. Both took the first steps to get the project started after learning about her brother-in-law's deployment to Camp Fallujah, Iraq.

"We thought it was important to somehow make this war seem more personal to kids. I think that this war is so far away that kids often have no

idea of what the military is doing over there...for them," explained Amones.

The students began sending letters to the Marines and Sailors while they worked to put together care packages consisting of magazines, DVDs, snacks and banners.

"I want to be a teacher when I am done in the Marines, so it is really nice getting the letters from the younger children," Cpl. Daniel A. Nichols, an infantryman with 1st Platoon and a Lucedale, Miss. native. "It all means a lot to me."

The Marines had been receiving these letters for a few weeks when Nevgloski received the first shipment of care packages. He gave each of his platoons a box to open and share.

"When I went to give the packages to the Marines they said the boxes were from the same school they had been getting letters from for about two weeks," he said.

To show their appreciation for the support the students gave them, the Marines prominently displayed the banners the kids made so everyone could see them. The students designed the banners with their signatures enveloping well-designed pieces of art.

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The Marines' rigorous schedule doesn't offer much down time, so the letters and packages for the students of Fegley Elementary School they are receiving make a large impact on their morale.

"Getting all the packages is one thing that helps us keep our heads up," Nichols said.

According to Nevgloski, the students' efforts in providing the servicemembers with items they would enjoy was quite apparent as well.

"There were so many things like the magazines that were gone as soon as they opened up the boxes," Nevgloski explained. "The children must have been trying extra hard to think about what the Marines here would like."

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Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Pfc. Travis W. Anderson, 28, of Hooper, Colo., died Friday in Bayji, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy. Anderson was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. Kenneth E. Zeigler II, 22, of Dillsburg, Penn., died May 12 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Ziegler was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Sgt. Andrew R. Jodon, 27, of Karthaus, Penn., died May 12 in Samarra, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Jodon was assigned to the Army's 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Sgt. John M. Smith, 22, of Wilmington, N.C., died May 12 in Iskandariyah, Iraq, from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Smith was assigned to the Army's 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Samuel T. Castle, 26, of Naples, Texas, died May 11 in Al Asad, Iraq, from injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device detonation. Castle was assigned to the Army's 327th Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Spec. Steven R. Givens, 26, of Mobile, Ala., died May 8 in Balad, Iraq, from injuries sustained from enemy small arms fire. Givens was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

1st Sgt. Michael J. Bordelon, 37, of Morgan City, La., died May 10 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, from injuries sustained April 23 in Mosul, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his Stryker military vehicle. Bordelon was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Two Soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died May 8 in Khalidiyah, Iraq, when they were conducting combat operations and an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV. Both were assigned to the 1st

Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

Killed were:

Staff Sgt. Thor H. Ingraham, 24, of Murrysburg, Pa.

Pfc. Nicolas E. Messmer, 20, of Franklin, Ohio.

Sgt. Gary A. Eckert Jr., 24, of Toledo, Ohio, died May 8 in Balad, Iraq, from injuries sustained earlier that day in Samarra, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Eckert was assigned to the Army Reserve's 983rd Engineer Battalion, Monclova, Ohio.



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It's time to register for children's summer riding camps at Buffalo Corral

Registration is now in progress at Buffalo Corral for summer riding camp for children ages 7 - 17.

The first weekly camp will be held 8 a.m. - noon, June 6 - 10. The camps will continue on a weekly basis through the week of Aug. 1 - 5, except for the week of July 4 - 8, when no camp will be held.

The camps held the weeks of June 20 - 24 and July 18 - 22 will be open to advanced riders only. Children who attend riding camp either of these two weeks must have participated in the 2003 and 2004 summer riding programs.

The price is \$98 per child, per week. Children may participate for more than one week. Registration fees must be paid by close of

business Thursday the week before each camp.

The corral also offers sunset trail rides 6 - 8 p.m., every Thursday. These rides are open to the public, ages 7 and up. The price is \$13.50 for authorized MWR patrons and \$19 for civilians. Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business the Sunday before the ride.

A moonlight trail ride will be offered Monday, the night of the full moon. The price is \$13.50 for authorized MWR patrons and \$19 for civilians. Riders must be at least 12 years of age to participate in the moonlight trail rides.

For more information or to register for the riding camps or trail rides, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.



Right Arm Night tomorrow at TMAC

The next Commanding General's Right Arm Night, will begin 4 p.m., Friday at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Pay-as-you-go beverages and finger foods will be available. Call 533-3802 for more information.

Win a 'Celebrity Cruise' through ITR

All active duty military are invited to stop in now through June 15 at the Information, Ticket and Reservations Office and register for a chance to win a "Celebrity Cruise." Entry forms and additional information are available at ITR.

ITR has tickets available for the following events at the Tucson Convention Center: Friday, Jerry Seinfeld; Saturday and Sunday, the Edwards Twins; Monday, the Moscow State Circus; and June 11, Tres Locos Comedy Tour.

ITR also has Tucson Sidewinders baseball tickets available for the remainder of the team's May home games, priced at \$7 for box seat vouchers and \$3.75 for general admission.

The ITR Office is located in the MWR Rents Building 70914, Irwin Street. The facility's hours of operation are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information, call 533-2404.

Be sure to complete and return survey

If you haven't already received your copy of the 2005 Army MWR Leisure Needs Survey, it should be arriving shortly. The survey is specifically tailored to Fort Huachuca, in an effort to obtain your views on MWR activities that are available and that are needed. The results will be used to improve and enhance activities that are most important to you.

If you do not receive your survey, but would like to participate, the survey is also available online at www.ArmyMWRSurvey.com.

Summer hours start Monday at pool

Summer hours will go into effect at Barnes Pool Monday. The pool will be open: 5 - 7:30 a.m., for lap swim; 7:30 - 11 a.m., for multi-use; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., for lap swim; and 1 - 5 p.m. for open swim, Monday - Friday.

Barnes Pool is closed on weekends, except for water aerobics and scuba classes. For more information, call 538-3858.

Registration for swimming lessons

Registration for the first two sessions of swimming lessons will be held 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday - May 27 at Barnes Indoor Pool.

Session I will be held June 7 - 17. Session II will be held June 21 - July 1.

Cost is \$30 per session.

There will be three sessions of swimming lessons this year. Watch future issues of *The Scout* for registration information about the third session.

For more information, call 533-3858.



'Why Not?' Dinner Dance at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will present the "Why Not?" Dinner Dance, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m., May 27. The event is open to high school students only. The admission charge is \$8 per person or \$12 per couple.

The price includes a full buffet dinner, with salad bar and dessert station. There will also be door prizes and a DJ playing a variety of music.

For more information, call TMAC at 533-3802.

"Teen Night" at Time Out

Time Out will present another "Teen Night" for high school students, 6 - 10 p.m., May 28. In order to attend, you must have a current high school ID or a combination of state-issued ID and documents to prove your high school status.

Cover charge will be \$3 with military ID and \$4

without. The admission price includes free munchies and door prizes.

Time Out is located on Arizona Street, across from Barnes Field House.

For more information, call 533-3876.

Irwin Pool to open Memorial weekend

Irwin Pool will open for the summer season 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., May 28.

The pool's summer hours will be: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information, call 538-3858.

Holiday hours at Eifler May 30

Eifler Fitness Center will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 30, because of the Memorial Day holiday. For more information, call Lisa Franklin at 533-4723.

Summer arts, crafts program for kids

The MWR Arts Center will offer the "Summer Fun" arts and crafts program for children age 5 - 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., beginning May 31.

Each session will offer a different craft. The upcoming schedule will be: May 31, tie dye; June 1, leather works; and June 8, picture frame magnet.

Cost of the program is \$8.50 per child and all materials are included. Pre-registration is required.

You can register your child at the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008 on Arizona Street. For more information, call 533-2015.

DEF JAM COMEDY SHOW TOMORROW AT TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will host the Def Jam Comedy Show at 10 p.m., Friday. The show is open to the public 18 and older and features adult entertainment.

Headlining the show will be "Kool Bubba Ice." He has appeared on Black Entertainment Television's Comic View, HBO Def Comedy Jam, the Apollo Comedy Hour and Showtime at the Apollo.

Returning to Fort Huachuca to host the show will be everyone's favorite, "Ice Cream." Ice Cream has

appeared on B.E.T.'s Comic View on four separate occasions. Featured will be up-and-coming young comedian Alex Scott. Scott has also made several appearances on B.E.T.

Advance tickets are still available for \$15 at TMAC, Time Out, ITR Office, Sierra Vista Safeway and bingo at LakeSide. Tickets will be \$20 at the door.

For more information about the comedy show, call TMAC at 533-3802 or 533-7322.



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Movies

Fever Pitch plays at 7 p.m. Friday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.

USAG loses opener to B 305th

BY SPC. MARCUS
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SCOUT STAFF

The U.S. Army Garrison softball team season got off to a bad start by losing their opening game due to a fifth inning rally by Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion on May 11, at Pauley Field.

USAG were slated to play a double-header in which they lost both games.

From the first pitch of the first game, USAG came out in the first inning and held 305th to only two runs.

"As long as we minimize our errors, we will win," said USAG team captain and short stop Brock Phillips.

That philosophy held true through the first four in-

nings where USAG held on to a 6 to 4 lead.

As long as we minimize our errors, we will win.

Brock Phillips, USAG team captain, before Company B, 305th MI Bn., began their rally

It wasn't until the fifth inning that 305th started their rally.

It started with a lead-off double, a single and followed up by a deep shot to down the third-base line by 305th second baseman, Gary Jones, which brought in the two tying runs.

Consequently, Jones injured himself on that play,

pulling the ball but twisted his ankle instead and had to leave the game.

"As long as I got the hit and the RBI's, I will be fine," said Jones.

From that point on 305th did not look back.

They eventually ran through their entire batting order and scored 11 runs before they finally were retired out of the inning.

USAG had one final inning to try and turn the game around but failed to do so. USAG did not manage to score any runs and the game was called.

"Like I said, we made too many errors and we lost," said Phillips.

The final score was Company B 305th, 15 and USAG, 6.



Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Gary Jones, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion second baseman hits a two-RBI shot down the third base line.

Jo Dee Messina, Carrot Top come to Fort Huachuca

BY KATHY MILLER
MWR

The 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour is coming to Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, June 23. Gates will open at 6 p.m., and the show will start at 7:30 p.m.

Headlining the show will be award-winning, multi-platinum recording artist Jo Dee Messina. Opening the show will be one of the most popular and successful comedians in America, Carrot Top.

The concert is open to the public. There will be easy access from off-post, with the route to the concert simplified for the public's convenience.

The East Gate will be used exclusively for concert attendees, providing direct access. Concert access will be controlled but well-marked and quick.

Tickets for the show go on sale May 27 at the ITR Office, Desert Lanes, MWR Rents, Spur Western Wear locations and area Safeway stores. General admission tickets prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate.

Tickets for active duty military E5 and above are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Active duty military E4 and

below will be admitted free.

Although she is billed primarily as a country artist, Jo Dee Messina has also had considerable success in the pop/rock field, with her huge cross-over hit, "Bring on the Rain."

Since her debut in 1996, Messina has had nine No. 1 songs, two No. 1 albums, and has sold more than 5 million albums.

She has received critical acclaim for her explosive singing style and electrifying performances.

Messina's latest album, "Delicious Surprise," recently debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Country Album Chart. A few days before, she landed her ninth No. 1 country song with her latest single release "My Give A Damn's Busted."

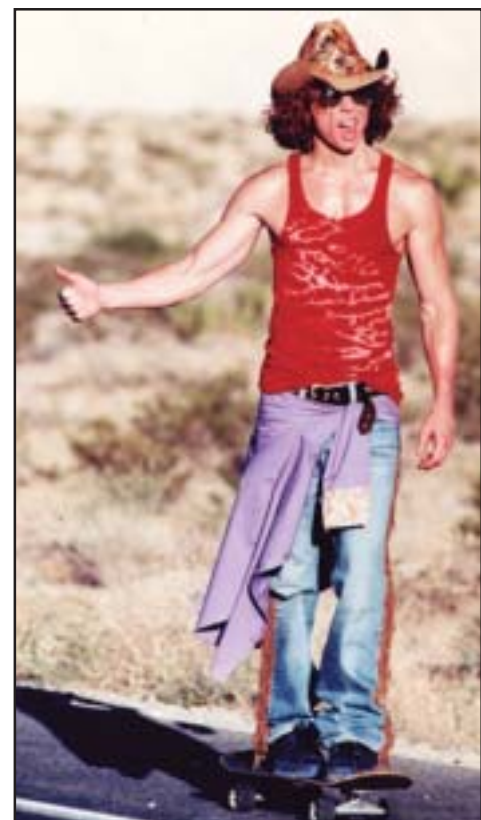
Although he is most recognized as TV pitchman, Carrot Top also stars for 15 weeks each year in Las Vegas, headlines another 100 plus concerts across the country and makes dozens of television appearances, which have included more than two dozen guest spots on the "Tonight Show."

For more ticket information, call 533-2404. For more general information, call 538-1690.



Courtesy photo

Jo Dee Messina is headlining the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour.



Courtesy photo

Carrot Top is the opening act for the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour.

AAFES' battle for "Star Wars"

BY CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

A trio of girls stood in an unusually long line for Miss Congeniality 2, a movie that was scheduled to be shown May 12, but were suprised at the post theater by Darth Vader and the final installment of the six-episode "Star Wars" saga.

"It doesn't come out 'til May 19," Kathryn Swafford, 12, said while waiting in a line that wrapped around the outside of theater.

When Swafford and her two friends finally met Darth Vader, played by Brian Melendez, post furniture store manager, Jenna Daines, 13, had a tear of excitement. Daines, Swafford and Brittany Weston, 12, called their surprised relatives on their cell phones.

The post Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees checked all cell phones for cameras and other recording components before people were admitted into the building.

AAFES had never had a free sneak peak from 20th Century Fox until "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" premiered here.

"We wanted to get this right," AAFES manager Stan Young said. He hopes that the care his staff executed with the high profile film will lead to more deals with Fox.

"The military police were there just in case things got out of hand," Young said. "Everything went off without a hitch."

AAFES went as far as purchasing night vision devices to get "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" to post personnel. The night vision devices were used by several personnel visually patrolling the theater. The equipment allowed them to see across the room as they stayed along the walls to avoid blocking the views of the patrons.

"We sell accessories for night vision, but not night vision goggles," Young said. He said the demand for the night vi-

sion devices is low because Soldiers are issued them, but the post Military Clothing Sales Store has infrared flash lights that are invisible to the human eye among other night vision gear. Young's goal for the procured equipment is to help get more high-profile movies in sooner.

For most sneak peaks, there are 900 tickets given out to post personnel, but "this time only 500," Young said. The movie was specifically for the Soldiers of the 69th Signal Company that deployed Monday for Southwest Asia, Young said. This presentation was aimed at Soldiers while all the other 24 viewings of the film were for charity. There were 25 preview showings of the movie worldwide.

"Twenty-four of them were \$500 and up," Young said. The Associated Press reported the film was shown in 10 cities with tickets starting at \$500 for charities. The ticket price went up as high as \$2,500 for a VIP ticket. While the sneak peak was shown in theaters from San Francisco to Miami, it was also in the desert post of Fort Huachuca for free.

Once the deal with Fox was made, Young and his staff needed to work out the logistics to make everything down to seating patrons as smooth as possible.

Limiting the number of tickets was only the start. There were two types of tickets: brown tickets for 69th Signal Company Soldiers and families and pink tickets for other post personnel. The presentation filled 460 of the 469 seats, about 98 percent of the seats. Sneak peaks usually fill approximately 80 percent of the seats.

"If it's not kids-related or military-related we get our 80 percent," Young said, adding that kids- and military-related movies pull in more patrons.

However, "Star Wars" attracted both children and military servicemembers.

While Michael A. Philliber, 11, waited to see his second "Star Wars" movie, his father completed seeing the

whole franchise: "I've seen all of them in the theater," Staff Sgt. Murray Philliber, Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, said.

Airmen training in the Spectrum High-powered Workstation course waited more than an hour to see the movie.

"We showed up about 6 p.m. and were the second or third guys in line," Senior Airman Jeremy Bayn said about him and Tech. Sgt. Jack Lockwood.

Other spectators were excited about being among the first to view the film.

"I get to see it before my brothers," Shanna Smith said while standing in the concession stand line. "They're big fans – ha, ha!"

The film's journey began when 1st Lt. Walton Cheung, 69th Signal Company, contacted Young about getting a free movie screening for his unit before they deployed to Southwest Asia.

There were no movies available for free screenings at the time, but "Star Wars" popped up later and initiated the process that led to Fox letting the post theater show the film.

"Fox said 'OK, you can have Star Wars,'" Young said. "The movie was about them [69th Signal Company] and Fort Huachuca wouldn't have gotten it if they weren't deploying."

While the 69th Signal Company shipped out to Southwest Asia, Soldiers who had just moved into Fort Huachuca for training showed up late for the movie. Normally, the theater won't let people in once the movie, not previews, starts.

"This was Star Wars," Young said. "We had some AIT guys show up and we let them in. We let people in up till about 15 minutes after the movie started."

Out with the old at the post-wide yard sale

BY AMANDA KEITH
SCOUT STAFF

Yard sales are a lot of things to a lot of people; it's a chance to get rid of clutter, meet people in a neighborhood and spend time with friends.

Last Saturday was a day of goodbyes for many post residents as they unearthed their unwanted belongings and offered them up for sale at the post-wide yard sale.

Outgrown clothes, washer and dryer sets, and various can't-take-it-with-you items greeted buyers at various houses on Saturday.

Micheale Rice and Sonia Calkins were at Saturday's yard sale to not only sell some of their things, but to help their friend Tamara Parsons sell her stuff, giving their yard sale an atmosphere of a social gathering. Parsons made breakfast for her friends, continuing a tradition started by Calkins' husband.

Two post residents, Melissa Massie and her son Vaughn, said goodbye to seven of their nine pet hamsters. The Massies are moving to Florida and are



Photos by Spc. Marcus Butler

Jenny and Zack Duessler look through some boxes of clothes during the post-wide yard sale Saturday.

unable to take the animals along.

Massie was visibly emotional at the parting; "Give them good names," she said as the buyers left the sale. Massie insisted on selling the hamsters in pairs

so they wouldn't be alone in their new home.

Massie said that she wanted them to go to good homes.

Jody DeBos, along with her husband, held her first yard sale and said goodbye to some of their things, such as a stroller and a car seat. "It's time to get rid of the baby stuff," she said. Her kids are now 3 and 6, and she and her husband don't need the baby equipment anymore.

"[We're] taking advantage of everyone else having their stuff out," DeBos said. Yard sales are "a good way to get rid of stuff you don't want anymore," she added.

Yard sales are typically used as a way to clear out some things before a move, and Robert and Constance Smith held two yards sales (the first sale was a held a week earlier as part of a community-wide yard sale for Bonnie Blink Housing residents) to prepare for their upcoming retirement in Georgia.

"We're ready to go," Constance Smith said. The leftover items from the yard sale will be donated to the church, she added.



Fort Huachuca was inundated with yard sales on Saturday at the post-wide yard sale.

Arizona Tourist

See the stars – up close and personal

BY SGT. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Southwest of Tucson, there is a place that might be considered a stargazer's heaven.

Kitt Peak National Observatory, about 55 miles southwest of Tucson, is the home of three major nighttime telescopes and hosts 19 optical telescopes and two major radio telescopes, according to the Web site www.noao.edu/kpno/.

Kitt Peak, located in the Quinlan Mountains of the Sonoran Desert, comprises 200 acres of the nearly 3 million acre Tohono O'odham Nation. This land is

leased by NOAO from the Tohono O'odham under a perpetual agreement that is valid for as long as scientific research facilities are maintained at the site.

As the national observatory, the facilities are supported by the National Science Foundation and is the home of up-to-date astronomical research.

But for those who just want to go and learn about stars, space and the universe, Kitt Peak also has a visitor center and offers both day and nighttime tours.

Daytime tours of some of the facilities are offered at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and last approximately an hour.

"During these tours, a guide will lead

you to the telescope buildings where you can view the telescope from a gallery, and the guide will provide information about the telescopes," the Web site states.

However, in order to look through the telescopes, visitors would need to participate in the Nightly Observing Program, which includes a presentation, observations through a 16-inch telescope and a light dinner. The charge for the night program is \$36 for adults, \$31 for students, seniors and military members with ID. In order to participate in the program, visitors must make reservations in advance.

Lisa and Brian Bist from Santa Ana, Calif., made the observatory a stop on their tour of southeast Arizona. They participated in the Nightly Observing Program in early April.

"I've seen Saturn before, but not as boldly," Lisa Bist said. "The rings on Saturn were very striking."

Brian Bist said he loved astronomy as a child and was happy to get the opportunity to experience it firsthand as an adult.

Lisa also said the program offered interesting things for novices to see and experience, as well as being educational.

"It's an opportunity to see the planets and constellations you can't have if you're a novice," she said.

The visitor center is open from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. A donation of \$2 is suggested for access to the visitor center. Visitors can learn about astronomy, how the telescopes are constructed and the nature of the technology used by scientists to refine their theories about the universe.



The Kitt Peak National Observatory visitor center, which is about two and a half hours from Fort Huachuca, makes a good daytrip for the family.

Getting there:

From Fort Huachuca, take 90 North to I-10 West, then I-19 South. Less than 1 mile is Ajo Way/Hwy 86 (Exit 99). Take this exit West (right). Proceed past Ryan Airfield and Three Points. Continue until Junction 386 (Kitt Peak turnoff). Turn left onto 386. The Kitt Peak Visitor Center is located at the summit (12 miles).

The elevation at the observatories is about 6,875 feet and the weather is typically 20 degrees cooler than Tucson, so dress accordingly.

For more information, call 318-8726 or visit www.noao.edu/kpno/.



Photos by Sgt. Susan Redwine

Visitors at the Kitt Peak National Observatory take a look at themselves through a thermal imaging system.

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Youth Tae Kwon Do class to begin

The SKIESUnlimited program Tae Kwon Do class will be held 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Youth Center, Building 49013. The classes will continue every Tuesday and Thursday. This is a year-long class, but students may attend on a monthly basis. Class fee is \$25 per month.

The class is open to youth ages 5 - 18, whose parents are active duty or retired military, Department of the Army civilians, non-appropriated fund employees or contractor employees. Participants must also be members of Child and Youth Services.

If a parent is interested in attending the Tae Kwon Do class with their child, they may do so by paying an additional \$25 monthly class fee.

For more information, call Robin Gabert at 533-0710.

Football and cheerleading registration

Registration for the Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer 2005 Season is going on from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Big 5 Sporting Goods and at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 28 at Fort Huachuca Youth Services. Football is open to kids ages 5-15 and cheerleading is open to kids ages 5-14. For more information, call Keith Hampton at 458-2320 or e-mail svyouthfootball@cox.net.

The 9 Hole Match Play

The Greater Huachuca Men's Golf Club will be hosting the 9 Hole Match Play at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. All golfers with established AGA handicaps are eligible and invited to play. The tournament entry fee is \$16, the green fee is \$20 each day and the cart fee is \$9 each day. Cutoff for registration is the first 144 paid golfers.

Participants will be flighted by handicap in groups of six. Each participant will play five nine-hole matches, one against each participant in their flight unless there happens to be five in that flight, which they will have a bye and play the other four participants in their flight. Each participant will receive 3 points for a win and .5 points for each hole won, for a total of 7.5 points max in each match. The player with the most points wins their flight. Full handicap will be provided for each player on the holes where they fall over 18 holes. For

example: If you get one stroke from your opponent and play the front you get a stroke, however, if you play the back you will not get the stroke.

Minimum number of players needed to sign up for this event is 42. We can shotgun the 1st and 4th rounds. The 2nd, 3rd and 5th rounds will need to be tee times. Depending on the number of signups payouts we will be for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each flight.

For more information, call Carl Biski, 452-1252.

Rabies clinic

The Huachuca City Animal Shelter will be having a rabies clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 28 at the Huachuca City Animal Shelter. The rabies shot will cost \$15 per shot, cash only. Huachuca City residents may also buy city licenses for their pets. For more information, call Laurie Fivecoat at 456-1337.

Memorial Day ceremony

The public is invited to participate in a candelight and wreath laying ceremony at 6:30 p.m., May 30 at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, located at 1300 Bufalo Soldier Trail.

A patriotic ceremony including the pageantry of "Posting of the Colors" by American Legion Bill Carmichael, Post #52 of Sierra Vista; presentation of the organizational colors of several other local veterans organizations, a short address by Randy Groth; a proclamation from the Honorable Janet Napolitano, Arizona governor and a proclamation by the Honorable Tom Hessler, Sierra Vista mayor, are among the honors to be paid to our heroes, the deceased veterans at their final resting place.

For more information, call Terry Nuti at 458-7144 or Leo Pimple at 459-0103.

Coaches' meeting for track and field

The coaches' meeting for the Commander's Cup Track and Field Program will be held at 10 a.m., May 31 at Barnes Field House. Units wishing to participate in the program should submit a letter of intent, with coach's name, duty phone and e-mail address at this meeting. The program will be con-

ducted starting at 6 p.m., June 13 - 15 at Bujalski Field.

This is a recreational program, open to all authorized MWR patrons. For more information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180.

Summer soccer registration now open

Registration is now open for the Sierra Vista (Adult) Soccer League summer soccer season. Season will start week of June 14 and run through the end of July. Games will be played on Brock Field on Fort Huachuca. The Women's Division will play Wednesdays and Fridays. The Open Division will play Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration deadline is June 1.

Cost for one division is \$35 for new players, \$30 for currently registered players. Cost for both divisions is \$55 for new players, \$50 for currently registered players.

For more information, call Sunny Forma at 439-0912 or e-mail her at sunnyforma@hotmail.com.

Register at Vinny's on Tuesday at 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. If you are a new registrant, remember to bring a photocopy of your driver's license.

Earn money while you stay at home

The Fort Huachuca Family Child Care program is looking for individuals who want to earn an income, raise their children at home, and make a difference in another child's life by becoming certified child care providers. The next training begins July 6, and the deadline to sign up is June 30. For more information on how to become an FCC Provider, call 533-2498.

Reminder: Fort Huachuca housing residents may only provide child care in their quarters after gaining approval from the garrison commander and the commander's agent, the Fort Huachuca Family Child Care office.

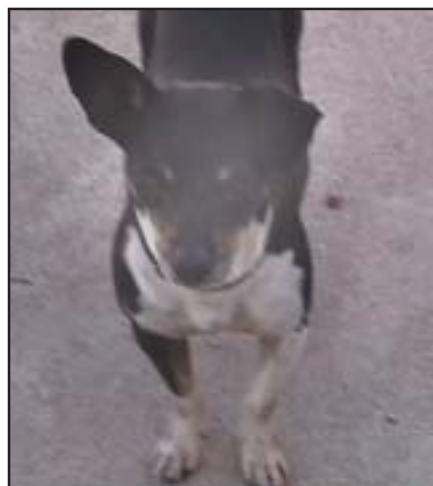
Sale at Sportsman's Center

The Sportsman's Center is offering 10 percent off all merchandise, including guns, ammunition, wild game calls, cleaning kits, and all other items in the pro shop. The sale will continue until all merchandise has been sold. For more information, call Mick Gue at 533-7085.

Pets Of The Week



Sway is a 2 year-old, male lhasa apso mix.



Sox is a 3-4 year old, male terrier mix.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Sin City
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Friday -7 p.m.

Fever Pitch
PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

The Upside of Anger
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Sunday -2 p.m.

Special Showing

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day.

Fort Huachuca's Channel 97 will discontinue airing of the weekly Fort Report for a short period of time. Spc. Nate Ludwig, the broadcaster in charge of the report, is leaving the Army and a civilian replacement has not yet been hired. The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.





Photo by Dan Simon

Swing, batter!

Ivette Bennett practices softball on post last week. The post softball season began May 9 with 19 post teams participating.

Editor's Note; The Fort Huachuca Scout would like apologize for the misspelling of Efren E. Medrano's name in last week's edition.

Ask the Dietitian Focus on fruits

CAPT. JENNIFER L. RODRIGUEZ
REGISTERED DIETITIAN

As we continue our adventure with the new Food Guide Pyramid, let's take a look at the Fruit group.

Fruits provide many health benefits to include reduced risk of some chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, and even some cancers.

For the last three weeks we talked about the importance of fiber for regularity and feeling fuller. Fruits are naturally high in fiber and packed with vitamins and minerals which will give you that nutrition bang for your buck.

The important message with the new Food Guide Pyramid is to "focus on fruit." Eat a variety of fruits, choose fresh frozen, canned or dry, and go easy on the fruit juices. Try to focus on whole or cut up fruit instead of juice. Juice contains little or no fiber and tends to have more sugar.

How many servings of fruit are recommended? Adults should consume 1 ½ to 2 cups of fruit each day. A one cup serving of fruit is equal to 1 cup of fruit or 100% fruit juice or ½ cup of dried fruit.

Here are some ideas for including more fruit in your healthy eating plan: top your breakfast cereal with bananas or blueberries, pack an orange or grapes in your lunch, toss some mandarin oranges in your salad, or have some baked apples for an after dinner dessert.

Eating fruit is a great way to satisfy that sweet tooth while at the same time get those much needed vitamins and minerals. Be sure to check out the Web site at www.MyPyramid.gov for more information. Next week we will take a look at the milk group. Happy Eating!

Rodriguez is a registered dietitian at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on Fort Huachuca. Send questions to jennifer.rodriguez1@us.army.mil.

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